

Indian Affair Committee Points-

- We are pleased to be your host today, and lunch and refreshments are being provided by Indian Pueblos Marketing.
- This month marks our 36th year, serving as the Gateway to the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico, perpetuating and educating the general public about Pueblo life, culture and custom.
- We also serve as a community center for the people of Albuquerque; An anchor for development in the North Valley; and a gathering place and regional hub for Native peoples from the America's
- Over these past 36 years, the Center has served as a de facto visitor's center for the State of New Mexico receives more than 400,000 visitors per year, both domestic and International.
- The Center is working to increase its visitor count by promoting new programs and exhibits, such as the 100 Years of State and Federal policy: the impact on Pueblo nations.
- As you may know, the IPCC is supported primarily by Indian Pueblos Marketing, our for profit arm. We do not receive fiscal support from the Pueblos, though they have allowed us to keep the taxes derived from the sale of tobacco. These tobacco tax dollars are critical to the IPCC and we would not be able to operate without them.
- As the IPCC expands its programs and offerings, additional resources are needed. We have been supported

by the State legislature in the past and made good use of the generous resources provided. We have several capital requests that that will be resubmitted this year.

- One of the pressing issues right now is for additional space, for classrooms and training. We have worked with Bernalillo County and the Board from the local 4H to work towards acquiring adjoining property currently occupied by the 4H. If successful, IPCC would acquire the 4.47 acres of land and 3 buildings.
 - The largest building is a newer office building and would be used for educational purposes, as well as establishing a Native American business incubator.
 - The appraised value for the land and buildings is \$2M, and we are requesting \$1M from the Economic Development Administration. We will be asking the legislature to consider funding the balance.
 - If successful, Bernalillo County would use the funds to build a new facility for the 4H in northern Albuquerque.
- Renovations to our museum are also on our capital request list. The main museum has not experienced significant changes since its inception 36 years ago and is due for a full renovation. We hope to stage these improvements, but will be requesting that the legislature consider supporting this endeavor.
- Projects Funded from the previous sessions for Security upgrades, a PA system, landscaping, parking lot repairs, fire alarm and HVAC upgrades were completed on time and on budget – we used what we were awarded responsibly and did not return funds because we failed to act.

- We hope to work with the Legislature on securing funds for the renovations and repair and will be talking closely with leadership.
- Lastly, I'm excited to share some exciting news about the former Albuquerque Indian School property development. Approximately two years ago, we were asked by the Pueblo Governors to assist in reorganizing IPFDC. We have made great progress in addressing issues there and are prepared to continue with the development. I have a short video to share with you that details what we are creating and how it will impact Albuquerque, the local counties, State and nation.
- Thank you for the support you have provided in the past, and I am happy to stand for any questions from the committee.